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O Almighty God, thou who art our refuge and our strength, humbly we come to thee, hearts united in prayer. Teach us O Lord, in the stillness of this hour how to pray in the quiet moments of our life our Father - give us words to express our love and adoration of thee. As we worship thee O God - hear, not only the words of our mouths, but the hidden and unspoken words of our hearts and minds. May the music of our hymns of praise be expressions of our personal devotion, may our prayers of confession come to thee ~~as~~ together and separately as we ask thee to forgive us for offending one another. May our final act of dedication be acceptable in thy sight.

O God we open our lives to thy presence. In humility we ask for thy guidance and direction. Judge us when we are wrong: as a loving father disciplines us when we are unrepentant, give us wisdom and insight that we might see and know what is holy and good: give us faithfulness that we might diligently seek thy will for our lives. Give us courage and steadfastness that we might resist the forces of conformity and easy security. Give us strength that we might live in honesty and integrity.

O God who dost create and sustain all things good we are truly thankfull for thine infinite graciousness towards us. We thank thee for the miracle of life itself: for the beauty of our world, for the pattern which is apparent in the sun and snow, the wind and rain. We thank thee O God for the orderliness of the natural world: for the natural laws that perfectly fashion even the flake of snow.

We thank the O God that thou hast loved thy creature man enough to dwell amidst us in Jesus Christ. We thank thee O God for thy holy church, for those throughout the ages who have responded to thy call, that have fought the good fight, who have lived and died that thy Gospel might be preached.

We thank thee for this our church; for all those whose sacrifices in the past have made its continued existence possible. O God as we prepare ourselves for our congregational meeting we ask for thy guidance and assistance: in joy we affirm that this is Thy Church and not ours; and we pray that the results of our deliberations may be pleasing in thy sight. _____ sick — poverty - down trodden

All this we bring before thee in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be all glory and all praise forever and ever

Amen.